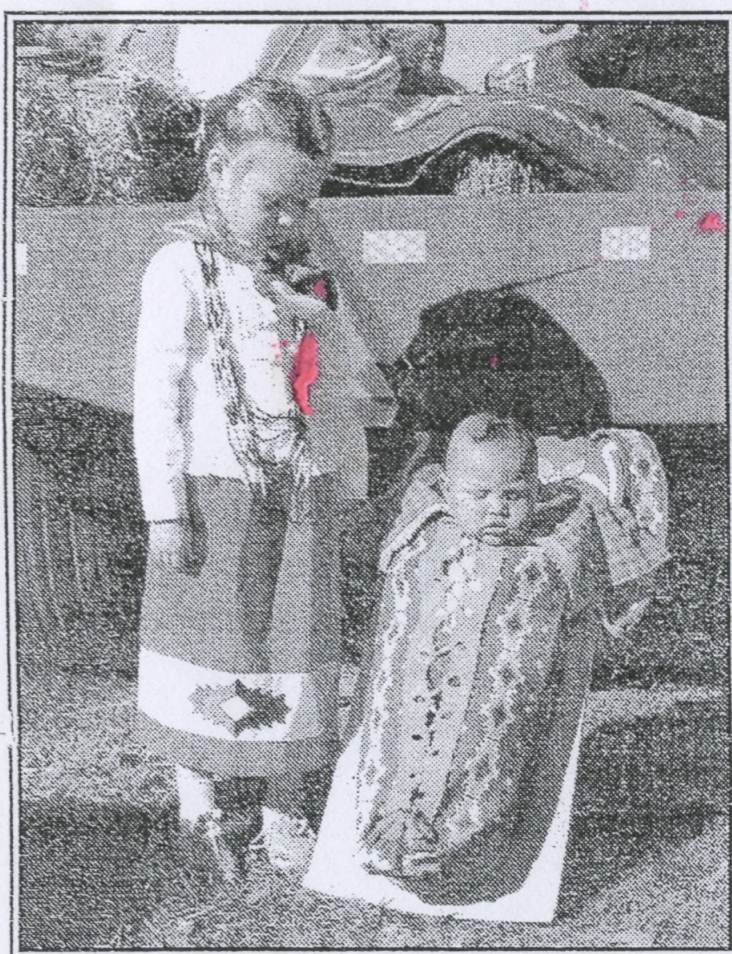


## Potawatomi Participate in Pumpkinfest

by Michelle Spaude

Helping Mishicot celebrate its 20th Annual Pumpkinfest on October 20, the Forest County Potawatomi were there.

Pumpkinfest is a day the Mishicot residents have filled with activities such as: scarecrow-making, Civil War encampment, pony rides, petting zoo, pumpkin carving, children's costume



Isabella Daniels (left) with Louis Olivas in the cradleboard.

contest, and the list goes on and on. Main Street was packed with people watching the noon parade. The nice weather helped bring a record number of people to the day's event this year,

according to Jim Sustman, the president of MAGIC (Mishicot Area Growth and Improvement Committee).

One float in the parade was that of the Potawatomi. For the second year in a row, Sustman invited Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) Language and Culture Director Billy Daniels Jr. to be a part of it. In turn, Daniels invited several community dancers and the Walking 4 Directions drum group to participate.

After the parade, a dancing and drumming demonstration was done on Main Street. It attracted a big crowd with many joining in on the inter-tribal songs.

"We are so happy to have you here," said Sustman to the Potawatomi group. He knows the historical importance of the Potawatomi to the town (see *PTT November 15, 2006 issue for more information*). His hospitality shown through as each person in the Potawatomi group received a complimentary dinner at the fish boil the night before at the VFW Hall.

The FCP community members who participated in the parade included: Tressa Lange, Mno Keno Ma Gē Wen Princess Presley Keeble, Holly Spaude, Andrew Shepard, Isabella Daniels, Ashley Franz, Alyce Daniels, Leslie Franz, Jeff Keeble, Sid Daniels, Brian Franz, Billy Daniels Jr., Howard, Reddmen, and Ronnie Lemieux, Aaron

Barea, Jack Daniels, Shawn Wolcott, Santos, William and Joseph Alloway, Randall Peltier, Shesh-ko Notinokey, Kelly Spaude, Brenda and Adam Short Jr. and baby Louis Olivas. Frank and Lorrie Shepard were the drivers of the float.

The FCP Mno Keno Ma Gē Wen Language Department would like to give thanks to everyone involved in the day's event.

Mi gwech!



Sid Daniels waiting for the parade to begin.



The float above shows some of the participants in the Mishicot Pumpkinfest parade.